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1ST CONFERENCE ON STUDENTS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
IS THIS WEEKEND AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA IN MISSOULA

MISSOULA--

Student leaders from Montana's colleges and universities will meet at the University of Montana in Missoula this weekend to participate in the country's first "Conference on Students and Collective Bargaining," Tom Stockburger, Billings, conference coordinator, has announced.

The conference will be Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11, in the 360 series rooms of the University Center.

Stockburger, former president of the Associated Students of UM, said the student leaders will gather to discuss the impact of HB 656 on higher education in Montana and explore its implementation.

Referring to HB 656 as "landmark legislation," Stockburger said Montana became the first state in the nation to provide for student participation in faculty collective bargaining when Gov. Thomas L. Judge signed HB 656 into law April 10. The bill was introduced by state Rep. Duane Johnson, D-Missoula.

"HB 656 is the most progressive piece of student rights legislation in the nation that has been adopted in recent years," Stockburger said.

The two-day conference will feature workshops conducted by the State Board of Personnel Appeals; Johnson, a collective bargaining expert; the Montana Student Lobby, and two of the nation's leading professionals on students and faculty collective bargaining.

Conference registration will be from 1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the University Center. Registration will continue from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Saturday in the UC. The first conference session will be at 8:15 a.m. Saturday.

The conference is sponsored by the Associated Students of UM in conjunction with the Student Advisory Council of the Board of Regents and the Montana Student Lobby.

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